(b) and (c) To the extent information is available, no such instance has come to the notice of the Government recently.

Nuclear Power Projects at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu

*418. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he nuclear power project at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu hsa been held up because of the delay in finalising the technology and credit packape offered by Soviet Union, and if so, what are the steps taken to expedite the execuion of this project;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this project is considered not viable without the liberal credit terms offered by the Soviet Union and if so, what steps are being taken to set up this project with indigenous technology; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to Commission the first reactor in the year 1998 as planned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) After the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) of cooperation signed in November, 1988 by India and the Soviet Union, a number of detailed discussions have taken place between the Soviet and Indian Authorities on the technical and commercial aspects of setting up the 2 x 1000 MWe Soviet nuclear reactors (VVERs) at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu. The technical details for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) and the maximum basic cost of the project have been agreed upon between the two parties. The terms of credit have already been elaborated in the IGA.

Further decisions on the implementation of the project can only be taken after the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for which discussions with USSR's authorities are continuing.

(c) In view of what has been stated above, it is premature at this juncture to indicate the date of commissioning of the first reactor.

Committee to monitor software piracy

*419 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a Committee to monittor action against software piracy; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of reference of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI MATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Software is protected under the Copyright Act, 1957 as amended by Copyright Amendment Act, 1984. A Monitoring Committee has been constituted with the following terms of reference:—

(i) To see that the provisions of the Copyright Act so far as software is concerned are vigorously implemented.

(ii) To take initiative for conducting studies and monitoring the status of use of legitimate software.

(iii) To promote action to meet the needs of users as regards prices of popular software packages.

Increase in the prices of finished medicines

*420. SHRI RAFIQ ALAM:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of finished medicines whose prices have been increased during October and November, 1991;

(b) when was each price notified by Government;

(c) what is the name of bulk drug on which each of those formulations is based and when was the price increase of each drug notified; and

(d) what is the percentage of increase in each farmulation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The requisite information to the extent available in respect of ceiling packs of formulations whose prices have been increased during October and November, 1991 is given in the annexed Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXI, Annexure No. 72]

Hot Fusion from Nuclear Sources

3041. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to; and

(a) whether Government propose to develop hot fusion from nuclear sources, if so. the details in this regard;

(b) by when the power generated through the process would be made available to the consumers; and

(c) whether such power will be less expensive than other kinds of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Presently, the following laboratories in India are pursuing research in the area of nuclear fusion;

1. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Bombay.
2. Centre for Advance Technology, Indore.
3. Institute for Plasma Research, Ghandinagar.
4. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Calcutta.

Theoretical and experimental studies are being conducted in these laboratories towards understanding the Physics and Technological issues connected with Nuclear Fusion Energy.

(b) It is too early to say when Nuclear Power through Fusion Sources will be available commercially. However, rough estimate is that it will take at least a few decades before it becomes commercially a viable proposition.

(c) The comparative cost cannot be etstimated at this juncture since the fusion power technology is in its early stages of development.

Joining of London Club

3042. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news item captioned "India urge to join London Club" which appeared in "The Hindu" New Delhi Edition dated the 1st December, 1991;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) its likely repercussion on the proposed scale of atomic reactor to Iran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Even though we are not a member of the London Club, we have refrained from supplying nuclear technology for non-peaceful purposes to any country.

(c) Any sale of nuclear technology from our side such as research reactor would be subject to IAEA safeguards; such a safe does not have bearing on London Club.

Energy from Controlled Nuclear Fusion Reaction

3043. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of breakthrough achieved in production of energy from controlled nuclear fusion reaction at the Joint European Torus (JET) Experimental Fusion Reactor in London: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.